

PATENT APPLICATION

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

The Restriction Requirement mailed July 12, 2006, has been received and reviewed.

The Office Action sets forth a restriction requirement under 35 USC §121. Applicants were requested to elect one of five (5) designated groups as briefly noted below:

I. Claims 1-7, drawn to a method of producing an antibody, classified in class 435, subclass 326.

II. Claims 8-22 and 55-60, drawn to an antibody that binds to a polypeptide, classified in class 530, subclass 388.22.

III. Claims 23-38, drawn to a method for reducing or inhibiting the effects induced by IL-22 or IL-20 or treating a pathological condition associated with IL-22 receptor activity, classified in class 424, subclass 158.1.

IV. Claims 39-42, 61-65 and 73, drawn to a method of suppressing an immune response in a mammal, classified in class 424, subclass 145.1.

V. Claims 43-54 and 66-72, drawn to a method of treating a mammalian disease, classified in class 424, subclass 158.1.

In response to the Requirement for Restriction Election, Applicants elect **Group II**, claims 8-22 and 55-60, drawn to an antibody that binds to a polypeptide, classified in class 530, subclass 388.22.

In response to the further Species Requirement, Applicants elect a polypeptide consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3 from amino acid number 1 (Pro), to amino acid number 6 (Asp).

Early reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims under examination are respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of the above-identified patent application, please call the undersigned at (206) 442-6558.

Respectfully Submitted,



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